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POLYPEPTIDES OR NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THESE OF A FAMILY OF G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTORS AND THEIR USE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT OF DISORDERS, FOR EXAMPLE SKIN DISORDERS AND THEIR USE FOR THE

IDENTIFICATION OF PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE

**SUBSTANCES** 

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

## In the claims:

Please add new claims 35-79 as follows.

35. A method of diagnosing a skin disease in a patient, said method comprising identifying, in a probe from said patient, a nucleic acid encoding a G-protein coupled